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The Hon. Minister has answered that the Government are watching the working of the Act. Will the Government call for a report now at least and rectify the defects? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Piecemeal reports are received now and then. What I said was that there was no regular report like the reports which we get about the working of some other departments."

Tour of Hon. Ministers in Kangayam Constituency.

* 155 *Q.*—SRI A. VELOO (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some Hon. Ministers toured the Kangayam Constituency in connexion with the election propaganda in support of the Congress candidate in the bye-election to the Madras Legislative Assembly held on 8th November 1953;

(*b*) if so, for how many days they toured in the said constituency and how many public meetings they addressed; and

(*c*) the expenditure to Government, if any, on account of these tours?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The two Ministers hailing from the district and the Minister for Local Administration addressed meetings and toured in the area.

" (*b*) About 10 meetings in all and about two days each.

" (*c*) Ministers claimed no allowance from Government on account of such tours."

National Extension Service in South Kanara.

* 156 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the area selected for development under the National Extension Service in the district of South Kanara; and

(*b*) the total amount allotted for the district under the scheme for the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (1) *Manjeshwar Block* consisting of the Kumbla and Manjeshwar firkas.

(2) *Sullia Block* comprising the Sullia and Nileshwar firkas.

" (*b*) An expenditure of about Rs. 1 lakh may be incurred in the two blocks during the current financial year."

Admission to Medical Colleges.

* 157 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Medical Colleges in the State: and